

## CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1        1. A lighted vehicle step bar, comprising:  
2        a tongue adapted for attachment to a receiver hitch mounted  
3        on a vehicle;  
4        a bar extending perpendicularly from said tongue and  
5        forming a step, said bar being fixed to said tongue, the bar  
6        having a rear-facing wall;  
7        a left signal lamp and a right signal lamp disposed at a  
8        left side and right side, respectively, of the rear-facing wall  
9        of said bar, said left signal lamp and said right signal lamp  
10       facing rearwardly of said bar; and  
11       wiring connecting said left signal lamp and said right  
12       signal lamp to a standard trailer plug, said trailer plug being  
13       adapted for electrically connecting said left signal lamp and  
14       said right signal lamp to a respective one of a left and right  
15       turn signal lamp circuit of the vehicle.

- 1       2. The step bar of claim 1 wherein said trailer plug is  
2       adapted for electrically connecting said left signal lamp and  
3       said right signal lamp to a brake light circuit of the vehicle.

1        3. The step bar of claim 1, further comprising a non-slip  
2 surface disposed on a top surface of said bar.

1        4. The step bar of claim 3, wherein said non-slip surface  
2 is adhesively attached to said bar.

1        5. The step bar of claim 3, wherein said non-slip surface  
2 comprises diamond plate.

1        6. The step bar of claim 1, wherein said bar has a left  
2 end and a right end, the left end and the right end extending  
3 outwardly and rearwardly of said step bar from the ends of said  
4 bar.

1        7. The step bar of claim 6, wherein the left end and the  
2 right end extend at about a 45° angle from said bar.

1        8. The step bar of claim 1, further including at least  
2 one running lamp disposed between said left signal lamp and said  
3 right signal lamp, said at least one running lamp being  
4 electrically connected to said trailer plug.

1        9.    The step bar of claim 1, wherein said tongue has a  
2 plurality of through holes defined therein adapted for enabling  
3 a plurality of positions within said hitch receiver.

1        10.   The step bar of claim 1, wherein said bar is formed by  
2 2x4 inch rectangular steel tubing.

1        11.   The step bar of claim 1, wherein said bar is formed by  
2 2x3 inch rectangular steel tubing.